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# Writing

Level 2 - Ep10



A.

## Skill Presentation

What is the difference between a clause and a sentence?

Every simple sentence is an independent clause.

Why? Because it is a group of words that includes a subject and verb and it can stand alone and gives a complete thought.

- John likes drawing.

Two independent clauses are a compound sentence.

Why? Because it has two subject-verb groups.

- John likes drawing, and Lisa likes cooking.

Note: don't forget to use a conjunction.

- Independent + conjunction + independent = a compound sentence
- One independent clause = a simple sentence
- One dependent clause + one independent clause, and vice versa = a complex sentence



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## Skill Presentation

### Run-On Sentence

A **run-on** sentence has **two independent clauses** with no **comma** or **conjunction** to join them.

- Fred likes French he learns it daily. **X**

**Notice:** This is grammatically incorrect, because we didn't use a **comma** or a **conjunction**.

We should say

Fred likes French, **and** he learns it daily.





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B.

## Over to You

1. Read each item in the chart. Decide if it is correct or if it is a run-on sentence. Check (✓) the box in the correct column.

	Correct Sentence	Run-On Sentence
1. I want to be an engineer, but I hate math.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Mr. Larmore loves to travel he became a travel agent.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. My brother is a good soccer player, so he wants to play soccer in college.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. We like animals, but we do not want a pet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. My father is a successful writer he has written three books.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I enjoy collecting books and I would like to be a librarian.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Frank studied music in college, and he has a job as a drummer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Jan's hobby is painting she will paint a picture for the art show.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 2. Check!

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ sentence has two or more independent clauses combined with no comma or no \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Avoid run-on sentences when you write. Make \_\_\_\_\_ sentences, or use a \_\_\_\_\_ with a conjunction.



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## Over to You

3. Check (✓) the option that is not a run-on sentence for each item.

1-

- ☐ a. I love watching movies, so I decided to study acting.
- ☐ b. I love watching movies so I decided to study acting.
- ☐ c. I love watching movies I decided to study acting.

2-

- ☐ a. Sonny likes rules and he is a good police officer.
- ☐ b. Sonny likes rules, and he is a good police officer.
- ☐ c. Sonny likes rules he is a good police officer.

3-

- ☐ a. Michael is good at fixing cars. He is a mechanic.
- ☐ b. Michael is good at fixing cars he is a mechanic.
- ☐ c. Michael is good at fixing cars and he is a mechanic.

4-

- ☐ a. Lee studied law but he did not become a lawyer.
- ☐ b. Lee studied law he did not become a lawyer.
- ☐ c. Lee studied law, but he did not become a lawyer.

5-

- ☐ a. I wanted to work with children I became a teacher.
- ☐ b. I wanted to work with children. I became a teacher.
- ☐ c. I wanted to work with children so I became a teacher.





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## Practice

1. Check (✓) the correct answer to fix each run-on sentence.

1. Carrie liked to sing when she was \_\_\_\_\_ is in the music program now.

☐ a. a child she

☐ b. a child, she

☐ c. a child. She

2. I want to go to \_\_\_\_\_ work for a good company.

☐ a. college I want to

☐ b. college, and I want to

☐ c. college, I want to

3. My hobbies are painting and \_\_\_\_\_ working in an art museum is fun.

☐ a. drawing so I think

☐ b. drawing, so I think

☐ c. drawing I think

4. John hates \_\_\_\_\_ works in a bookstore.

☐ a. reading, but he

☐ b. reading but he

☐ c. reading, he

5. Carson loves \_\_\_\_\_ will study it more in college.

☐ a. history he

☐ b. history so he

☐ c. history. He

6. Donna wants to be a \_\_\_\_\_ does not want to work hard.

☐ a. doctor, but she

☐ b. doctor she

☐ c. doctor but she



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2. Match each paragraph (A-D) with the correct description (1-4).

- \_\_\_1 Correct paragraph
- \_\_\_2 Includes run-on sentences
- \_\_\_3 Incorrect use of conjunctions
- \_\_\_4 Mistakes with commas

A. Baseball is Scott Boras's career. He played baseball in college, but after college, he became a professional. Baseball became his job, so later, Boras developed a knee problem. He had to stop playing. However, his interest in baseball did not end. He became a sports agent, but he started a business. It was successful, and his company helps baseball players make more money. Now, Boras works with many famous baseball players. Baseball is his life.

B. Baseball is Scott Boras's career. He played baseball in college. After college, he became a professional and baseball became his job. Later, Boras developed a knee problem so he had to stop playing. However, his interest in baseball did not end so he became a sports agent. He started a business. It was successful. His company helps baseball players make more money. Now, Boras works with many famous baseball players. Baseball is his life.





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## Practice

- \_\_\_1 Correct paragraph
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- \_\_\_3 Incorrect use of conjunctions
- \_\_\_4 Mistakes with commas

C. Baseball is Scott Boras's career. He played baseball in college, and after college, he became a professional. Baseball became his job, but later Boras developed a knee problem. He had to stop playing. However, his interest in baseball did not end. He became a sports agent. He started a business. It was successful. His company helps baseball players make more money, so now Boras works with many famous baseball players. Baseball is his life.

D. Baseball is Scott Boras's career he played baseball in college. After college, he became a professional. Baseball became his job. Later, Boras developed a knee problem. He had to stop playing. However, his interest in baseball did not end. He became a sports agent he started a business. It was successful. His company helps baseball players make more money. Now, Boras works with many famous baseball players baseball is his life.



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## The Answer

### B. Over to You

1-

1. correct sentence
2. run-on sentence
3. correct sentence
4. correct sentence
5. run-on sentence
6. run-on sentence
7. correct sentence
8. run-on sentence

2-

1. run-on, conjunction
2. two, comma

3-

1. a
2. b
3. a
4. c
5. b

### C. Practice

1-

1. c
2. b
3. b
4. a
5. c
6. a

2-

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. B